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SHALL THE "BRITISH AMERICAN JOURNAL" BE DISCONTINUED?

It is not without feelings of great dissatisfaction, that we were informed by Mr. Lovell that he would be compelled to discontinue the publication of this Journal, unless the subscribers responded to their obligations towards him during the currency of the present month. We are thoroughly well aware of the patriotic motives which induced Mr. Lovell to start it. Publishing as he did the *Jurist*, a journal for the benefit of the Legal Profession, he felt a desire, which he has shewn his willingness to carry out, to publish one for the Medical Profession, not doubting that the Profession of the Province would as liberally sustain it as the comparatively small number of the members of the Legal Profession in Lower Canada has sustained their Journal. In this he has been most sadly disappointed, and in stating this fact, (for the cover of the Journal will prove it,) we must say that we blush for the *amour propre* of our Profession, who after receiving it have withheld the necessary means, without which no periodical could expect to continue its existence. We cannot but say that we regret these unpleasant but unquestionable facts, and if this the seventh attempt at medical journalism in Canada should fail, through want of support from a profession numbering we should think not much less than two thousand members, we must say that it speaks little for their self-esteem, in desiring to possess an organ of intercommunication with their brethren in other countries. We were compelled to discontinue the old series of this Journal from the same cause, with a debt due to it of nearly \$1600, but a trifle of which has been since collected; and we certainly could not advise Mr. Lovell to continue his present enterprise under a debt, contracted during two years, of over \$1200, and likely annually to increase. Were we as Editor receiving payment for our labour, we could not, nor would we write as we do, but when we reflect that for the benefit of our Profession, a Journal is published, the expenses of which are limited to the mere pay of men's wages, and cost of paper, &c., with an editorial management which does not cost one farthing, we cannot but express our great surprise at the neglect which it has received.